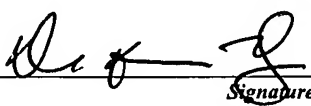
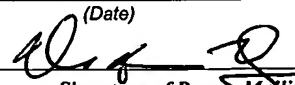


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In Re Application Of: <b>MATSUMOTO et al.</b>					
Application No. <b>10/664,237</b>	Filing Date <b>September 17, 2003</b>	Examiner <b>Paul A. ZUCKER</b>	Customer No. <b>26817</b>	Group Art Unit <b>1621</b>	Confirmation No. <b>3714</b>
Invention: <b>METHOD FOR DISPOSAL OF WASTE FROM ACRYLIC ACID PROCESS AND ACRYLIC ESTER PROCESS</b>					
<p><u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>July 11, 2006</u> above-identified application. <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span></p> <p>The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> One month      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months      <input type="checkbox"/> Three months      <input type="checkbox"/> Four months      <input type="checkbox"/> Five months</p> <p>from: <u>October 11, 2006</u>      until: <u>December 11, 2006</u> <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span>      <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span></p> <p>The fee for the extension of time is <b>\$450</b> and is to be paid as follows:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <b>13-2165</b>.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. <b>13-2165</b>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end; margin-top: 20px;"><div style="width: 45%;"> <i>Signature</i> <b>Diane Dunn McKay, Esq.</b> Reg. No. 34,586 Mathews, Shepherd, McKay &amp; Bruneau, P.A. 29 Thanet Road, Suite 201 Princeton, NJ 08540 Tel: 609 924 8555 Fax: 609 924 3036</div><div style="width: 45%; text-align: right;"><p>Dated: <b>December 11, 2006</b></p><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"><p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on <u>December 11, 2006</u>. <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>(Date)</i></span></p> <i>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</i> <b>Diane Dunn McKay, Esq.</b> <i>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</i></div></div></div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"><p>CC:</p></div>					